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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity at the Oranienburg, Prenzlau, Fuerstenwalde andBad Freienwalde Posts and the Templin Training Grounds

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REFERENCES

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Information

1. Between 1 and 13 September 1954, elements of Unit Kuleshov were still stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement (4683) near Oranienburg. 1 Fatigue details of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were employed in reconditioning work in buildings 9 through 12 and 14 since early September. Soviet soldiers stated that the details belonged to the units which had been transferred to Vogelsang in spring. A Soviet NCO who wore red-bordered black epaulets stated that buildings Nos 9 and 14 were to be occupied by a tank unit and that building No 15 was to serve as headquarters building. A telephone central was being established in the ground floor of building No 14. Colonel Momut (fnu) and Major Shcherbakov (fnu) were again seen in the quartering area.

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 drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in the barracks area. 2

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2. On 15 September, Major Filatov (fnu) from the construction headquarters in Oranienburg succeeded Major Kabanov (fnu) as supply officer of the driving school unit in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp (4681/82). 3

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3. Between 21 August and 4 September, the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzlau was occupied by only a guard detail and a fatigue detail which engaged in reconditioning work.

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4. The barracks installation (4741) northwest of Berliner Strasse was occupied.

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 At about 2130, the tanks were seen at the Prenzlau freight station and subsequently left toward the barracks installation. 5

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5. From 6 to 9 and 16 to 18 September, reports of artillery and machine guns were heard from the Tangerdorf firing range and from the direction of Hammelspring at the Templin training grounds. Between 1300 and 1700 on 7 September, an unusual number of reports of artillery pieces was heard. ⁶
6. Between 0800 and 1600 on 6 September, bedsteads, tents and blankets were trucked to the Templin railroad station and were loaded onto 4 boxcars prior to 1700. The vehicles had come from the direction of Roeddelin. 25X1
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- 8 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Templin and proceeded toward Vogelsang. At about 1700, a shipment of about 15 T-34/85 tanks 25X1
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- and 6 boxcars with officers and EM was seen at the railroad station. ⁷
- On 15 September, about 35 newly painted old trucks and about 20 tank trucks, 25X1
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- were entrained at the Templin railroad station.
7. At about 0930 on 17 September, JS-3 tanks 25X1
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- were entrained in Templin. According to the imprints of tank tracks, the tanks had come from the direction of Roeddelin. At about 1400, a column including 4 trucks towing AT guns with muzzle brakes and approximately 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Templin and proceeded toward Hammelspring. 25X1
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- On 10 September, 4 officers with tank insignia and approximately 80 EM wearing gasmasks crossed the Hammelspring-Vogelsang road at double time about 100 meters from the Hammelspring bridge. Guides who wore gasmasks, red-bordered black epaulets and red breastards with red letter P in a white circle were seen with this unit. ⁸
8. Between 12 and 16 September, the Pioneer Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde was still occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Between 12 and 15 September, no training was observed in the installation. A T-34/85 tank was seen near the shed at the large drill ground. Between 1130 and 1400 on 16 September, machine guns fired toward Duene from the tank. 25X1
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9. The barracks installation on Bränsdorfer Strasse (4501) was occupied as previously by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 12 and 13 September, no training was observed in the barracks installation and the training area. Many reports of carbines were heard from the firing ranges on the Spree River. On 15 September, about 6 soldiers were servicing 3 trucks in the barracks yard. 25X1
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10. Prior to 29 August, the Panzer Kaserne (4001) in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. Four 85-mm AT guns, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JSU-122 guns, 6 tank trucks, 2 tank truck trailers and 4 field kitchens were seen in the barracks area. Firing practices with 85-mm AT guns, tanks and armored personnel carriers were conducted in the Altrampft area. On 24 August, a large

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11. On 16 September, it was noted for the first time that motor vehicles in the Tamplin area

1. Comment. Elements of Topographic Unit Kuleshov are again confirmed in the Weisse Stadt restricted area.

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2. Comment. According to statements by Soviet soldiers, elements of the 25th Tank Div, which had moved to the Tamplin training grounds in spring, were to return to the restricted area in fall.

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3. Comment. Major Kabanov (fnu) is known as officer of the 25th Tank Div. Major Filatov is reported for the first time.

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4. Comment. The units were probably still stationed at the training grounds.

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5. Comment. Elements of the unidentified tank training battalion and individual tanks of the other tank regiments stationed in the installation had already returned from the training grounds.

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6. Comment. In connection with loadings and vehicular traffic observed, it is assumed that final firing practices were held by units of the 25th Tank Div prior to the return to their posts.

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7. Comment. According to the majority of the motor vehicle and tank turret numbers, elements of the 25th Tank Div were entrained.

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8. Comment. Training with gasmasks was repeatedly observed at the summer camps and post training grounds during this summer. It is undetermined whether this training was connected to the employment of atomic weapons.

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9. Comment. The units had apparently not yet returned from the training grounds.

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10. Comment. The 16th Gds Mecz Regt and the 28th Tank Bn were still stationed at the post and conducted exercises in the vicinity of the post.

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